

**BALMORAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Outreach Committee**  
**2020 Annual Report to the Congregation**  
**January 31, 2021**

Committee Members: Scott and Kay Dawson, Barry Dotson, Janice Hill, Kristen Gurlen, Ted Pearson, Don Lamb, John Van Nortwick, Gordon Brigman, and Dona Sparger

**2020 Actions:**

- Increased cash donations to the Memphis Food Bank and MIFA
- Switched from staffing a monthly food sort to a bi-monthly mobile food pantry
- Mexico Cistern Ministry
- Served as a voting location
- Home for seed ministry
- Continuation of weekly meals on wheel

**2021 Goals**

We pray for an end to the pandemic and return to “normal”. We long for the time we can open our building to the community and return to helping people on the margins of society. These ministries include, but are not limited to our prison ministry, serving at the soup kitchen, collecting food, and building cisterns in Mexico

## **BALMORAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

### **Congregational Meeting**

### **Formation Committee**

### **Report to the Congregation**

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**Committee Members:** Beverly Hooker, Renee Mitchell, John Gilmer, Leiza Collins, Cathy Bailey, Glenda Ellis, Becky DeLoach.

#### **2020 Actions:**

- Hired Thomas Bergstig's virtual video production coordinator
- Maintained salaries for two nursery attendants
- Offered Sunday Studies options for all months except June, July and August
- Offered Zoom training for congregation
- Sponsored a Wednesday night all-church Zoom meeting to stay connected
- Maintained contact with all church members as assigned to Session members
- Supported weekly zoom meetings for the following groups: Writers' Group, Book Club, Glenda Ellis' Group, and "Trouble I've Seen" group.

#### **2021 Goals:**

- Continue to offer Sunday Studies classes
- Continue connectional Session contact lists
- Maintain Sunday Studies and Sunday Worship services virtually
- Pray for our physical reunion at church

## **BALMORAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

### **Operations Committee**

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#### **2020 Accomplishments**

- Established Guidelines/Policies for use of the building during COVID. Were able to welcome SEED back into the building, where their program is continuing successfully. We were able to host two elections that were planned before the pandemic.
- Virtual worship established that has brought worship into homes of congregants and also brought new viewers. In the past 90 days, we've had 150 views a week. On a single day in December, we had 213 views.
- Conducted joint Worship Service with Circle of Faith in parking lot on November 14.
- Total revenues achieved at 98% of budget in a pandemic environment, where many other churches have struggled.
- Scott Dawson obtained a forgivable PPP loan for \$31,750 to help pay our employees.
- Hired Thomas Bergstig, creative video producer for virtual worship services.
- Completed repairs on HVAC and roof at a cost of \$38,857.

#### **2021 Plans**

- Upgrade security system.
- Pave/Seal parking lot.
- Create policies for and return to full use of building, as vaccines/easing pandemic permit.
- Determine how we can apply what we have learned from virtual worship to worship in the sanctuary once we return.

**Balmoral Presbyterian Church  
Covid-19 Task Force  
2020 Review**

The BPC Operations Committee established the task force in the spring to respond to the outbreak of the infectious coronavirus that causes Covid-19. Members are Mary Schmitz and Scott Hill (co-chairs), Barry Dotson, Kathy Singleton, Frank Carney, Scott Dawson, and Rev. Carla Meisterman (ex officio).

After the session closed the building to all uses, the task force developed a policy and protocols defining who could use the building once it reopened. They were, and remain limited to, continuing use by The SEED Program, the virtual-worship recording team and the cleaning crew.

One-time events were allowed on a case-by-case basis. They included precinct voting, a parking lot worship service and a good-bye ceremony for Bob and Do Kaiser. The task force did approve several proposals, but the session denied them. No proposals have reached the task force since mid-November.

Additionally, the task force surveyed the membership for their feelings about how and when to return to worship in the building.

Submitted by Scott Hill